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## VIA ECF

The Honorable Judge Denise L. Cote United States District Judge Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007



Re: United States v. Herman Bass 20 Cr. 179 (DLC)

Dear Judge Cote:

I write on behalf of my client, Herman Bass, to respectfully request that the Court modify Mr. Bass's bail conditions to allow him to substitute a new co-signer of the bond for one of the current co-signers. This is Mr. Bass's first bail modification request.

The reason for the substitution is that Shalonda Williams, one of the current co-signers, is no longer in a relationship with the defendant, Herman Bass. While at the time of the signing of the bond Ms. Williams acknowledged that their relationship was ending, she considered herself a close friend. However, a new circumstance has soured and terminated the relationship completely. Mr. Bass has recently had a baby with Christina Harris. The parties all agree that, given the situation, it is best that Ms. Williams be removed from the bond as soon as possible and Ms. Harris replace her as a financially responsible co-signer.

The government and Pretrial Services do not object to this request. The government has interviewed her, reviewed and verified her identification, work papers and financial documents. Ms. Harris is gainfully employed as an Instructional Assistant for Special Education at the Charles W. Burch Elementary School in Los Angeles, California.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

s/s Camille M. Abate

Camille M. Abate, Esq. Attorney for Herman Bass

Granted. 11.23.20

DENISE COTE

United \$tates District Judge